

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1485 – SB 1899

February 22, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires each pre-kindergarten program to meet the criteria for a “highly qualified pre-kindergarten program” as identified by the Department of Education. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to include plans for coordination between voluntary pre-kindergarten classrooms and elementary schools within the LEA; a plan for engaging parents and families; a plan for delivering relevant and meaningful professional development to voluntary pre-kindergarten teachers; and for LEAs to utilize the pre-kindergarten growth portfolio approved by the State Board of Education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,000,000

Funding for this bill in the amount of \$1,000,000 is included in the Governor’s Recommended Budget for FY16-17 (page B-85).

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012733): Deletes Section 4 of the original bill that required LEAs to use a kindergarten screener for pre-kindergarten students beginning in FY17-18.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Department of Education will implement and approve criteria for high performing pre-kindergarten programs and distribute applications of such programs to all LEAs in the normal course of business without an increase in personnel or a significant increase in other budget items.
- LEAs will be able to use the pre-kindergarten growth portfolios and develop appropriate plans for coordination and professional development in the normal course of business without an increase in personnel or a significant increase in other budget items.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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